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On 13 April 1953, at least 15 armored scout cars left the Strassburg Kaserne in Grimma and drove toward Schwepnitz - Koenigsbrueck. At 11 p.m. on 13 April, 24 T-43 tanks and motor vehicles

from the Strassburg Kaserne were loaded at the Grimma railroad station and left toward Koenigsbrueck. At about 1:30 a.m. on 14 April, 21 T-43 tanks and motor vehicles

from the Strassburg Kaserne were entrained at Grimma and also left toward Koenigsbrueck. At 5 p.m. on 13 April, 12 trucks towing 76.2-mm artillery pieces and occupied by 60 to 120 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia left the Elsner Kaserne and marched toward Koenigsbrueck.

At 6:30 a.m. on 14 April, 600 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, some with artillery insignia, were loaded at Grimma. On 18 April, the Strassburg Kaserne and the Elsner Kaserne were occupied by a guard detail only. Motor traffic from and to the barracks installations

At the Nagema, officers have been repeatedly observed leaving the barracks installation toward Dresden. On 18 April, the Otterwisch troop training ground was completely vacated.

Field Comment. The present report indicates that all components of the 8th Gds Mecz Div, including the Hq 8th Gds Mecz Div, moved to Koenigsbrueck between 13 and 18 April 1953. During the same period, the other components of the division were transferred to Koenigsbrueck from Leisnig, Wurzen and Leipzig.

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